

ECCENTRIC

Clark County Man Has A Queer Entertainment

Burial Ground Is The Scene Of The Gathering

Friends Make Speeches At Side Of The Grave

Pies, Candles And Cake For All At The Funeral

Many Neighbors To Celebrate Unusual Event

Springfield, Ohio, Aug. 31.—Under the little, scraggy trees that cast a scanty shade on Grape Grove cemetery, an aged man, in a paint-spotted blouse and overalls marred by the wear of years, stood at the graveyard gate yesterday as he welcomed 500 persons.

"I'm glad to see you—mighty glad," was the greeting to each newcomer as he extended the gaunt and knotted hand with which he had toiled throughout his life. "Come right in to the cemetery and in a few minutes we'll all go over to the grave."

Days ago Francis Marion Buffenbarger—he who stood at the graveyard entrance—issued invitations to his funeral. Cards announcing the event were sent to every person living within a radius of 10 miles from Grape Grove. That only 500 attended today was due solely to the fact that Grape Grove, in the northeastern part of Greene county, has no railroad and that Grape Grove neighbors sometimes live miles apart.

It was early in the morning that the first of Buffenbarger's guests arrived. Some walked, some drove. By afternoon, the party had assembled and Buffenbarger had opened his obsequies. First, the entire assembly, headed by the corpse, walked from the cemetery gate to the Buffenbarger grave—the shallow excavation whose digging Buffenbarger himself had superintended.

The grave viewed and the proper praise bestowed, Buffenbarger led the procession to a grove beside the road and opposite the cemetery. There Buffenbarger discarded his blouse, spotted with daubs of yellow paint, and donned a coat of rusty black. Then he mounted a platform which he himself had built and made a speech. In a way, the speech was Buffenbarger's own funeral sermon, for when he dies no sermon will be preached.

"Be good and ready to die," he counseled. "Even as I have prepared for death, so should you. Beware of sudden death. Beware of automobiles and every other invention of the devil."

After Henry Dorn and Dean McCallap had made brief addresses, Buffenbarger cast aside all aspect of solemnity.

"The funeral's over—now let's have some fun," he said. From a farm wagon Buffenbarger produced innumerable cakes and pies, which he had asked farmers' wives to bake for the occasion. He passed candy to the children and cigars to the men. For each little girl he had a white handkerchief. And he had a joke for everybody. To all his guests he extended an invitation to come to the "real"

funeral, telling them that it will be a home-made affair "just like this, with no undertaker around to make folks feel bad."

After the crowd dispersed late yesterday afternoon the old man went back to his grave. He filled it in and worked till dark carefully to mound it up.

The family of Buffenbarger is wealthy. The grandfather owned 1600 acres of rich grazing land about Charleston. The eccentric old man who has dug his grave is well-to-do himself and was better off in his earlier days. He was married once—but that's another story. Before long the broken-hearted husband took himself away from home and since has been living among the people of Grape Grove neighborhood. For years he has been a neighborhood figure, going from one house to another and being treated kindly wherever he has gone.

A number of years ago the aged Mrs. Little, who had seen always that Buff had a place to stay, on her deathbed gathered her children around her and made them each and all promise to see that as long as any of them had a home of their own, they would see that Buff had a roof over his head. Mrs. Little was the mother of John Little, congressman, attorney general of Ohio and noted authority of constitutional law. And a home he has always had among the Little, Ritenour and Dorsey families, for in Grape Grove, away from railroads, interurbans and automobiles, the old-time grace of rural hospitality survives.

THE ELKS

To Play C. M. A. Fraternity Team On Labor Day

The Elks team of this city will stack up against the strong C. M. A. Fraternity team of Newark on Labor day at Hiawatha park. There will be two games played, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The C. M. A. team has made quite a name for itself this season by defeating fast teams of Columbus and Zanesville as well as local teams of Newark. They have a record of having won 19 out of 23 games played this year and they have written to Mr. A. L. Byrns, manager of the Elks' base ball team here that they expect to put up a fast game with their very best lineup next Monday.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DELEGATES

Arriving In Zanesville To Attend The Conference

Zanesville, O., Aug. 31.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Muskingum annual conference will not formally open its sessions until 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, scores of delegates arrived in the city today to attend mid-week services this evening and to be present at the informal reception which will follow.

A business meeting of the conference faculty was called for this morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of conducting an examination of candidates for the ministry and for the examination of what is termed "students in the course." In the evening at 8 o'clock the Rev. D. C. Wees, of Atica, will preach. This will be followed by an informal reception.

One of the attractive features of the conference will be the music by the chorus choir, composed of twenty voices, under the direction of Mr. Acheson, Miss Julia Farquhar is the pianist.

At 8:30 on Thursday morning a devotional service will be conducted by the Rev. C. E. Stockdale and promptly at 9 o'clock the conference proper will be formally opened.

BANNER WANT ADS PAY

RESIGNS

Position At Noon Wednesday Does Chief Dermody

And Gives No Reason For The Resignation

Mayor Mitchell Surprised At Chief's Action

Lieutenant McElroy Becomes Acting Chief

Resignation Effective On Thursday Sept. 1

In a written communication, Chief of Police Lawrence J. Dermody tendered his resignation as chief of police of the city of Mt. Vernon to Mayor Charles A. Mitchell at noon Wednesday. The resignation becomes effective Thursday, September 1.

The resignation was a surprise to Mayor Mitchell. The latter was at his office in the Third ward engine house just at noon when he was handed a type-written communication by Chief Dermody. The communication was the resignation and read as follows: Mt. Vernon, O., Aug. 31, 1910. Charles A. Mitchell, Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon.

Dear Sir:—I hereby tender my resignation as chief of police of the



CHIEF L. J. DERMODY Who Tendered His Resignation at Noon on Wednesday

city of Mt. Vernon effective September 1.

Lawrence J. Dermody, Mayor Mitchell was seen by a Banner representative relative to the resignation. He stated he had no intimation that Chief Dermody was going to resign until the resignation was handed him at the engine house on Wednesday noon.

Chief Dermody was also seen by a Banner reporter. He was very reticent on the subject of the resignation. He said that he had some plans for the future in view, but at the present time would not divulge them. It was intimated to the chief that he was to leave Mt. Vernon. This report he neither confirmed nor denied.

Chief Dermody has been connected with the police department of the city of Mt. Vernon for more than twelve years and was one of the most efficient officers the city ever had. He was first appointed a patrolman and served in this capacity for several years and when the new code went into effect some years ago he was appointed chief of police and discharged the duties of the office in a most creditable manner up until the time of his resignation. Chief Dermody is a Democrat in politics, although he served through the administration of several Republican mayors.

Mayor Mitchell announced Wednesday afternoon that Lieutenant of Police Robert McElroy would become acting chief of police for the present and will probably assume the duties of chief of police in the near future. Special policeman Hugh Worley will be appointed patrolman at once by the mayor. These changes in the police department become effective Thursday morning.

SCIENCE

Finds A Cure For Leprosy So It Is Claimed

Washington, Aug. 31.—Leprosy, the unconquered scourge of the ages is making what is believed to be its last stand against existence. From Molokai, the coral island prison for the plague stricken in the Hawaiian groups a few words have been flashed half way around the world to Washington, telling of an achievement accounted second only to the discovery of the lepra bacillus by Hansen in 1879.

Three surgeons of the United States public health and marine hospital service, after months of unremitting toil, have grown lepra bacilli in pure culture outside the human body, and in the tiny thin glass tubes in the laboratory the germs are now growing in their third generation.

Four times the scientists have taken the infection from the body of a leper and artificially propagated the bacillus on beef broth, egg or the amoeba of guinea pig. The work of Dr. Moses T. Clegg, who declared less than a year ago at Manila, that he had found that the bacillus could be cultivated outside the human body, is verified and extended. Clegg has been rushed from the Manila scientific station to Molokai to assist in the investigations.

This achievement of the scientists is the first step in the production of a vaccine or a serum for the cure or prevention of leprosy. Precisely the same ground has been covered by the men who evolved the diphtheria antitoxin and the serum for tetanus. In each of those cases the growing of the germ in pure culture has been the stepping stone to the cure.

LANDS BIG FISH

Does Mr. Frank Moore Near Fifield, Wisconsin

Mr. W. E. Sanderson this morning received a letter from Mr. Frank Moore, who is fishing at Fifield, Wis., stated that he had sent him by express a muscalonge which he had caught the day he wrote. The fish weighs 23 pounds and measures 43 inches. Mr. Moore stated that it took him three-quarters of an hour to land the fish.

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Mt. Vernon, Sept. 5

Base Ball

Newark vs. Mt. Vernon Elks. At 10 A. M., and 3:30 P. M.

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By Hon. Winfield Scott Kerr.

Horse races begin at 1:00 P. M.

2:35 Trot

Joe W. C. Bartlett
Winona B. Brown
Nellie Bly Harris
Billy J. Jackson

2:25 Pace

Bonny Lee Thrailkill
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East

No. 14 5:50 a. m.
No. 4 11:24 a. m.
No. 18 6:02 p. m.
No. 8 6:31 p. m.

West

No. 7 8:26 a. m.
No. 17 8:57 a. m.
No. 3 2:44 p. m.
No. 15 8:50 p. m.
Nos. 16 and 17 daily except Sunday. Other trains daily.

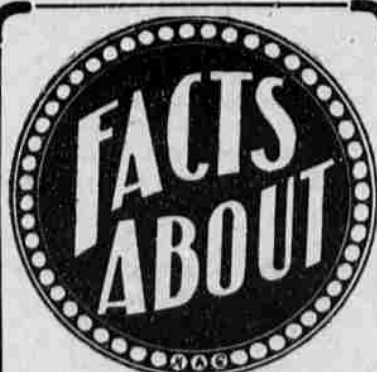
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South Bound

*No. 506 12:41 a. m.
**No. 520 9:58 a. m.
*No. 522 6:30 a. m.
*No. 504 8:57 a. m.
*No. 518 10:55 a. m.
*No. 502 12:25 p. m.
*No. 508 5:10 p. m.
***No. 500 9:37 p. m.

North Bound

*No. 507 2:25 a. m.
**No. 501 7:24 a. m.
*No. 509 8:34 a. m.
*No. 503 1:26 p. m.
*No. 505 5:53 p. m.
*No. 519 6:52 p. m.
***No. 521 7:10 p. m.
**No. 523 (To Mt. Vernon only) 7:30 p. m.
*Daily.
**Daily except Sunday.
***Sunday only.



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